

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a synopsis for a program, the method comprising:

receiving a channel selection at a controller during transmission of a-the program;
receiving a request for the synopsis of the program during transmission of the program;

upon receipt of the request for the synopsis, identifying ~~the~~ a portion of the program ~~being that has been transmitted via~~ as of an identified clock time; and

receiving ~~a-the~~ synopsis of the program comprising text that summarizes the portion of the program that has been transmitted from a beginning of the program transmission until the identified clock time.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the synopsis is provided via a second channel.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the synopsis is presented in a fast forward mode.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the synopsis includes highlights of important events.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the program is a sporting event.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 49-52 further comprising selecting the highlights from a number of predefined highlights.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 further comprising streaming the synopsis for playback from a remote site.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 further comprising downloading the synopsis for playback from customer premise equipment (CPE).

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 further comprising streaming the synopsis over a VOD channel.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 further comprising providing the synopsis from a web page stored on a remote server.

60. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 49 further comprising requiring maintaining the channel selection for a predefined period of time before providing the synopsis.

61. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage medium; and

a controller operatively coupled to the storage medium, the controller executing computer-readable instruction for providing synopsis for a program, the computer readable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to comprising:

~~receiving~~ receive a channel selection during transmission of the program,

~~receiving~~ receive a request for the synopsis of the program during transmission of the program,

upon receipt of the request for the synopsis, ~~identifying~~ identify ~~the~~ a portion of the program ~~being that has been transmitted via~~ as of an identified clock time, and

~~receiving~~ receive ~~a~~ the synopsis of the program comprising text that summarizes the portion of the program that has been transmitted from a beginning of the program transmission until the identified clock time.

62. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein the controller provides the synopsis via a second channel.

63. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein the controller provides the synopsis in a fast forward mode.

64. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein the controller is configured to provide the synopsis only after maintaining the channel selection for a predefined period.

65. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a synopsis for a television program, the method comprising:

~~providing the synopsis if the synopsis is requested after selecting the program while transmission of the program is already in progress; and~~

generating the synopsis only upon receipt of ~~the a~~ request for the synopsis, the synopsis including at least a text summary of the program that summarizes a portion of the program that was transmitted within a predefined time period prior to selecting the program; and

providing the synopsis if the synopsis is requested after selecting the program while transmission of the program is already in progress.

66. (Currently Amended) A system for broadcasting television programs, the system comprising:

a broadcasting element for broadcasting television programs over a number of channels; and

a source for broadcasting synopses of the programs over a number of other channels, wherein the source broadcasts the synopses ~~after~~ in response to receipt of a request to broadcast the synopses and when a channel associated with a program is selected after transmission of the program has begun, wherein each ~~the~~ synopsis comprises text summarizing a portion of the program that was transmitted prior to selecting the channel.

67. (Previously presented) The system of claim 66 wherein the source limits the synopsis to the portion of the program transmitted since a last time the channel was selected.

68. (Previously presented) The system of claim 66 wherein the source generates the synopsis after the channel is selected.

69. (Previously presented) The system of claim 66 wherein the source selects highlights included within the synopsis based on time-stamps associated with the highlights that correspond with time-stamps associated with portions of the program transmitted prior to selecting the channel.

70. (Previously presented) The system of claim 66 wherein the source streams the synopsis for playback.

71. (Previously presented) The system of claim 66 wherein the source downloads the synopsis.

72. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the text is received within a video stream of the program and replaces earlier stored text providing an outdated summary of the program.